

South Dakota

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PORK PRODUCTION DOWN FROM LAST YEAR

SIOUX FALLS, November 19, 1999 -- Commercial red meat production for South Dakota totaled 85.7 million pounds during October. This was up 4 percent from last month but down 7 percent from one year ago, according to USDA's South Dakota Ag Statistics Service. For October, beef, and sheep and lamb production were up from a year ago, while pork production was down.

Commercial hog slaughter for South Dakota totaled 353,700 head during October compared to 399,900 head last year. Average live weight was 264 pounds, which was unchanged from 1998. Federally inspected slaughter totaled 351,700 head, which was comprised of 35,400 sows, and 316,300 barrows and gilts.

Commercial cattle slaughter for South Dakota totaled 23,600 head during October compared to 21,200 head last year. Average live weight was 1,371 pounds, which was up 17 pounds from 1998. Federally inspected slaughter totaled 20,500 head, which was comprised of 2,000 steers, 1,300 heifers, 13,600 cows, and 3,700 bulls.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter for South Dakota totaled 1,200 head during October compared to 200 head last year. Average live weight was 116 pounds, which was down 34 pounds from last year. Federally inspected slaughter totaled 1,000 head of lambs and yearlings.

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